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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6868**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 2020

**DATE PREPARED:** Dec 20, 2000

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Education Benefits for Stepchildren of Veterans.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that stepchildren of certain individuals who served in the armed forces of the United States and received a discharge or separation from the armed forces other than a dishonorable discharge may be eligible to attend a state educational institution without payment of tuition or other mandatory fees.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill would increase the level of statutory fee remissions for state-supported colleges and universities. The university's general fund absorbs the costs of fee remissions. Universities must provide statutory remissions first; the remainder of the money is discretionary. As statutory requirements increase, the level of discretionary dollars decreases.

The Department of Veterans Affairs reports no known figures on the number of persons who might qualify as stepchildren and receive fee remissions. Consequently, the number of individuals for whom the expanded benefits of this provision could affect is indeterminable.

The following table illustrates the number of students in FY 1999 and FY 2000 whom state-supported institutions report received fee remissions under the current Children of Disabled Veterans statute.

	1998-1999			1999-2000		
	Awards	Amount	Avg. Award	Awards	Amount	Avg. Award
Ball State	416	\$1,012,788	\$2,435	343	\$980,830	\$2,860
Indiana State	190	\$378,658	\$1,993	206	\$656,018	\$3,185
Indiana University	4,374	\$3,020,310	\$691	4,230	\$3,355,613	\$793
Ivy Tech	1,320	\$1,210,533	\$917	1,430	\$1,287,687	\$900
Purdue University	801	\$1,909,423	\$2,384	783	\$1,802,734	\$2,302
University of Southern Indiana	218	\$258,224	\$1,185	198	\$266,609	\$1,347
Vincennes	196	\$216,111	\$1,103	170	\$360,757	\$2,122
Statewide Totals	7,515	\$8,006,047	\$1,065	7,360	\$8,710,248	\$1,183

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Higher Education Institutions.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Table VIII of State Appropriation Requests for 2001-03 for Indiana University, Ball State University, Indiana State University, Indiana University, Ivy Tech, Purdue University, University of Southern Indiana, Vincennes University.